



# In-and-Out Market Guidelines

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## FARMERS MARKET MANAGERS



### MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCE

- Maintain social distance of 6 feet at all times.
- Use impermeable barriers where six feet distancing between vendors and customers is not possible (e.g. tables, plexiglass barriers).
- Households must limit the number of members who enter the market to the minimum necessary.
- Monitor attendance to ensure social distancing requirements are kept.
- Consider adding entrances and exits to regulate flow through the market.
- Set up market aisles to be one-way where practical to maximize spacing between customers and identify the one-way aisles with conspicuous signage and/or floor markings.



### COMMUNICATE TO CUSTOMERS THE REQUIREMENTS OF SHOPPING AT THE MARKET

- Do not enter if sick.
- Wear a mask as per state guidelines.\*
- Maintain social distance at all times.
- Minimize time at the market.
- Do not touch products.
- Vendors will assist customers with your choices.
- Use touchless payments if possible; credit/EBT/Link/Debit. If cash is used, change may not be offered.
- Reusable bags are not recommended.
- Wash all products before use or cooking.



## MARKET OPERATION

- All market vendors, employees, volunteers and customers must wear a mask as per state guidelines.\*
- Work with state and local agencies and governments to ensure compliance with regulations and standards.
- Consider adding approved handwashing stands\*\* or a recommended hand sanitizer\*\*\* stands throughout the market.
- All vendors and community groups are welcome as long as space allows for appropriate social distancing.
- Consider adding a designated shopping time or other delivery services for vulnerable patrons, the elderly and disabled.
- All prepared and ready to eat food must be in must be served as grab and go items.
- Add signage to the market entrances outlining customer expectations.



## MARKET SET-UP

- All stands must have approved farmers market portable hand washing station\*\* or approved CDC hand sanitizer.\*\*\*
- All stands must use vinyl or plastic table coverings for easy sanitizing
- All vendors must sanitize their stands regularly; wiping down tables, terminals, cash boxes, etc. with approved disinfectants.
- Redesign market space to allow stands spaces to have a least 6 feet of distance, more where possible to reduce congestion and contact. Use impermeable barriers where six feet distancing between vendors and customers is not possible (e.g. tables, plexiglass barriers).
- Ensure 6 feet social distance between customer and vendor during customer visit to stand.
- Where possible, have different persons handle products and money, or wash hands or use a hand sanitizer between these tasks.
- Use tape or chalk to note space and direct customer lines.
- Consider one way movement, specific entrances and exits to assist with crowd control and maintain social distancing during market operation.
- Accept credit/debit, Link and other nutrition assistance coupons for payment. If cash is accepted vendor may choose to not provide change.
- Implement market guidelines for safe handling of Link/EBT, nutrition incentives, and nutrition assistance transactions.
- Customers must not handle products. Vendors will assist with product selection Encourage cashless/contactless ordering and payment.
- All prepared and ready to eat food must be in must be served as grab and go items Vendors must not offer goods in reusable bags or touch customers' reusable bags.

### \*ILLINOIS Guidance on the Use of Masks

<https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/community-guidance/mask-use>

### \*\*IDPH Portable Hand Washing Station

<https://www.dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Farmers-Market-Food-Product-Sampling-Handout.pdf>

### \*\*CDC Hand Sanitizer Guidelines

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/hand-hygiene.html>



## **SIGNAGE AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD FROM THE ILFMA COVID-19 TOOLKIT**



**Not ready for use.  
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preparing and  
eating.**

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### **STAYING SAFE DURING COVID-19**

We understand this is a stressful time and people want to know what they can do now to protect themselves and their families when shopping at farmers markets. Below are some everyday steps that people in Illinois can take now.



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